

## SPAIN AND THE MAINE

Time of Intense Interest To-Day at the City of Washington.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE--THE REPORT

Both Submitted to Congress in Due Form for Deliberate Consideration.

Review of the Destruction of the Battleship Made at Length--Facts Sent to the Spanish Government--What Will Spain Do About It?

Washington, March 28.—Except on the occasion of the inauguration of a president, such crowds as surged through the galleries and stormed the galleries for admission, have been seen at the capitol for a quarter of a century. Public interest in the report of the Maine court of inquiry was at white heat. People began to assemble by daylight, and at 9 o'clock, three hours before the time for the opening of congress to meet, the public galleries were crowded and long lines of disappointed stretched down the stairs.

Many distinguished persons had seats reserved in the galleries. There was much excitement on the floors of the house as in the galleries, though the Associated Press summary of the findings had taken the wire edge off the excitement.

**The President's Message.**  
Washington, March 28.—In the house the preliminary business was disposed of and the report of the Maine court of inquiry accompanied by a message from the president was presented and read. There was an outburst of applause when the message was concluded. It was returned without debate to the committee on foreign affairs. The death of Representative Sumpkins was announced. Adjourned.

**MESSAGE IN FULL.**  
I have given the full text of President McKinley's message on the loss of the Maine.

For some time prior to the visit of the Maine to Havana harbor our consular representatives pointed out the advantages to be derived from a visit of national ships to the Cuban waters in acquainting the people to the presence of our flag as a symbol of good will and of our ships to the full intent of a mission of protection to American interests. Even though the necessity need therefore does not exist, certainly on the 24th of January last, after a conference with the Spanish minister in which the renewal of the visit of our war vessels to Spanish waters were discussed and accepted, the authorities at Madrid and Havana were advised of the purpose of this government to resume regularly naval visits to the Cuban ports and that the Maine would forthwith call at Havana. This announcement was received by the Spanish government with expression of a friendly character as to

### EFFECT OF THE CALAMITY.

The appalling calamity fell upon the people of our country with crushing force and for a brief time intense excitement prevailed, which, in a community less just and self-controlled than ours, might have led to hasty acts of blind resentment. This spirit, however, soon gave way to calmer processes of reason and to a resolve to investigate the facts and await material proof before forming judgment as to the cause and responsibility; and it facts warranted demand the remedy due. This course necessarily recommended itself from the outset to the executive. Only

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REAR ADMIRAL SICARD,

## COURT OF INQUIRY REPORT

Full Synopsis of the Long Expected Document Given Out.

Washington, March 28.—Herewith is presented a complete abstract of the report of the court of inquiry which investigated the wrecking of the battleship Maine.

This abstract is made from the report itself. The report is made up of eight parts, as follows:

First—The court finds that at the time of the explosion the battleship Maine was lying in five and one-half to six fathoms of water.

Second—The discipline aboard the ship was excellent. Everything was stowed according to orders, ammunition, guns, stores, etc. The temperature of magazines at 9 p. m. was normal except in the after ten-inch magazine, and that did not explode.

Third—The explosion occurred at 9:40 o'clock on the evening of February 15. There were two explosions, with a very short interval between them, and the ship was lifted by the first explosion.

Fourth—The court can form no definite opinion of the condition of the wreck from the divers' evidence.

Fifth—Technical details of the wreckage from what the court deduces shows that a mine was exploded under the ship on the port side.

Sixth—The explosion was due to no fault of those on board.

Seventh—The opinion of the court, stating that the explosion of the mine caused the explosion of the two magazines.

Eighth—The court declares that it cannot find evidence to fix the responsibility. The report is unambiguous and is signed by all members of the court. It does not refer to the existence or non-existence of a mine in the harbor of Havana except in the specific finding that the mine was exploded under the ship and the opinion that the explosion of the two magazines was caused by the explosion of a mine. The report as a whole is a formal dispassionate recital of facts and bears the

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## MOTHER OF JOE A WITNESS

Mrs. John Mauzy on the Stand--Testifies Her Son Was at Home

## AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER

There Were Several Parties at the Jail With Joe When McKinley Was Shot.

Mrs. Rebecca Smith Denies Statements Made During the Faunce Trial--Further Strong Evidence for the Defense--Case May Close in a Few Days.

The attorneys for the defense in the Mauzy murder case will finish introducing testimony tonight or tomorrow morning. The trial this afternoon dragged along slowly and not many witnesses were introduced and some of them could not be found when wanted. Mrs. John Mauzy, the mother of the accused, was on the stand and testified that her son was at the jail at the time the murder was committed. She was allowed to tell her story in her own way.

**Monday, March 28--Forenoon.**  
The first witness called when court convened this morning was John Wilson. The attendance this morning was small.

**JOHN WILSON.**  
Examined by Mr. Johns.—Lived in Decatur in 1889 and was driving one of the street cars which at that time were propelled by mules. On July 8, 1889, there was a theatre company giving entertainments at Oakland park. Jack Faunce had a job with the company. Knew a woman in the company named Alice O'Gorman. Faunce came in from the park that night and got off the car in front of Quinn & Seefert's store at 8:45 o'clock. He walked to the West drug store corner and then to Cheap Charley's corner. That was the last I saw of him.

Cross examined by Mr. Leforgee.—Saw Faunce join a party of men at Cheap Charley's corner. If he walked to the end of Merchant and then walked across the street west he would have come to B. Stine's store.

**H. C. STEWART.**  
Examined by Mr. Buckingham.—Lived in the city in 1889. Knew Jack Faunce and saw him on the night of July 8. He came in Pete Sull's saloon. He appeared to be in a hurry and said there had been a fight or someone was hurt. He went out of the side door to go see what the fight was. It was about 9 or 9:30 o'clock.

Cross examined by Mr. Leforgee. He did not say anything about having seen George Warren.

**CORONER JESSE BENDURE.**  
Examined by Mr. Buckingham.—Was in Hill Mound on the afternoon of July 3, 1889. Arrived in Decatur at 8:40 and came up town on a street car. When I got off the car at the square W. Foster was waiting for me and said that I was needed that a man was murdered. Went at once to the place and took charge of the body. Officer Ed Leech and Dr. Hill were there. Was at the place not over 10 minutes before we took the body away. Don't know whether Leech was there when we took the body away but he was there when I arrived and he and Dr. Hill had the pistol. Got the number of the pistol and left with the body a few minutes later.

Cross examined by Mr. Leforgee.—The car stopped on the north side of the square.

**STATES ATTORNEY I. R. MILLS.**  
Examined by Mr. Buckingham.—The revolver exhibited in court and identified by Coroner Bendure and Roy Bendure was the same and the only revolver exhibited in the Faunce trial and identified by Leech as the one he found in the alley.

**RICHARD STICKLE.**  
Examined by Mr. Buckingham.—Lived in Decatur in 1889. Purchased a saloon on North Park street next to Myers and Plumer's grocery store. Saw Faunce and McKinley in the saloon inside of a month before the 3rd of July. McKinley was in the saloon with two women. Faunce pushed McKinley away and there were some words and they appeared to be angry.

Cross examined by Mr. Leforgee.—There were no blows struck and the four might have gone out of the saloon together. There was some laughter on the part of

the spectators and Mr. Buckingham objected. Judge Vall said that this was to be a trial by the jury and not by the people. He said he laughed himself when anything funny occurred but that he did not want any indication of approval or disapproval.

**HENRY MEYER.**  
Examined by Mr. Buckingham.—There was a saloon on Park street west of the grocery store. We closed the store about 9 o'clock. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Griffith were at the store on the night of July 8, 1889. Mat McKinley knew them. When Mat left he started across the park. Plumer and I left the store together and walked down Franklin street. Didn't notice anyone standing on the street. When we heard a man was killed we were on East Main street. We went back to Franklin and then to the place where McKinley was shot. "Sheet Iron" John and another man known as "Buffalo Bill" were there. Plumer struck a match to see who it was. We could see that a man was there but it was so dark that we could not tell who it was. Noticed a bruise on the forehead and his hat was pulled down over his forehead. Saw Jim and Barney McKinley come, but don't know which one got there first. Saw some women there but don't remember of seeing Dr. Hill, Ed Leech, Coroner Bendure, John Mauzy or Marshal Mason. McKinley's back was toward the stable.

There was no cross examination.

**OFFICER LEECH.**  
Examined by Mr. Johns.—Heard the shot that killed McKinley. Was in front of Morchouse & Wells' store and someone told me that a man was shot and a doctor was wanted at once. Called Dr. Hill, the county physician. Got my dark lantern from a restaurant and went to the place where the shooting occurred. It was a rather dark night. Could not recognize a man 10 or 12 feet away without putting the light on them. Turned my light in the alley and saw the revolver. Saw Marshal Mason there. I examined the revolver but no one took the number of it that I know of. Don't remember of seeing Coroner Bendure.

Could recognize a man 30 or 40 feet away if was familiar with him. Could not tell whether a man was black or white if he was 50 feet away. From the time I heard the shot until I went down the alley was about 15 minutes later.

Cross examined by Mr. Johns.—Think it was about 8:40 or 8:45 when I heard the shot. Hurried to Dr. Hill's office and ran to the place of the shooting. There were about 15 persons there when he arrived.

**VIRGIL N. HOSTETLER.**  
Examined by Mr. Johns.—Am editor of the Herald-Dispatch. Know a man named McWhitney. He called at the newspaper office the day after the testified before the grand jury. (Mr. Buckingham showed the witness a copy of the Herald-Dispatch of February 6, which contained a statement by McWhitney.) Mr. Buckingham asked if McWhitney told the witness that he had said before the grand jury that he was not sure whether it was Mauzy that he saw. The witness didn't remember about that. Mr. Buckingham asked him if McWhitney said what was published in the paper and the witness was allowed to read the statement. He then said that McWhitney stated in substance he could not say that it was Joe Mauzy.

**MRS. SMITH.**  
Recalled on cross examination by Mr. Buckingham.—Knew Marshal Mason. Remember going to the jail to identify Faunce on July 4, 1889. Didn't say to Mason that he had the right man and that he ought not to let him go.

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my handwriting and I moved away in January, 1889. Knew McKinley and Faunce. There was a stairway leading to the back of the building. Heard a conversation between Faunce and McKinley in December, 1889. Came out of the factory late at night. Heard loud talking and heard McKinley and Faunce talking. Faunce and McKinley frequented the house upstairs.

Cross examined by Mr. Cron.—Don't know whether or not Mrs. Griffith, who lived up stairs was the same one who appeared in this case. Don't know whether she was married or not. Had seen an old man named Griffith go up and down stairs. Was night when I heard the quarrel. When I left there they were quarrelling. Think it was the 13th of December because when the crime was committed I counted. Was a witness in the afternoon. Looked up on my books and found when I had a suit out of the city and knew the quarrel was a short time before the crime. Don't remember of first telling the story.

### INTRODUCED TESTIMONY.

Mr. Johns said that the defense desired to introduce as testimony the entry book of Mr. Price, the lumberman who testified to Mauzy having purchased lumber from him. The prosecution objected, but the judge allowed the book to be presented as evidence.

### GRANT BALLENTINE.

Examined by Mr. Johns.—Saw Faunce the night of the murder on Prairie street, but didn't see him on Franklin street.

Cross examined by Mr. Leforgee.—Saw I didn't see Faunce on Franklin street that night.

### ADJOURNED.

The attorneys on both sides wanted a rest and at 5 o'clock court adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

### ILLINOIS CRIMINAL IN JAIL.

James Williams, the Springfield Embellisher, Arrested in Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., March 28.—James Williams, for 17 years collector and financial agent for W. L. Road of Springfield, Ill., was arrested yesterday afternoon by Sheriff McDonald and his deputies on a charge of having embezzled \$10,000.

Williams left Springfield four weeks ago, and soon after his departure it was discovered that he was an embellisher. Officers were put on his track and he was followed to Kansas City, where the trail was lost. Officers here had been notified of the embellishment, and the sheriff and his deputies kept a close watch on all strangers about the streets. A man answering the description of the fugitive was seen in Harry street, back of the court house. Deputy Henry McDonald followed him for some distance, and upon overtaking him invited him to the sheriff's office.

Upon reaching there Williams broke down and confessed to the full amount of the embellishment. He said gambling and liquor was the cause of his downfall, and that most of the money had been spent. He expressed a willingness to return to Illinois without going through the formality of securing requisition papers. The Springfield officers have been notified of the arrest.

### OXFORD WON THE RACE.

Celebrated Boat Race at Putney, England--Easy Victory.

Putney, England, March 26.—The annual boat race between crews representing Oxford and Cambridge was rowed today and won by Oxford. The Oxford men won the toss which with the prevailing wind, was regarded as assuring them the race. The weather was cloudy and the water rough. The boats got away at 3:35 p. m. At Dukes Head, soon after the start, Cambridge was leading a quarter length. At Crabtree, a mile and a quarter from the start, Oxford led by three lengths, which was increased at The Doves, two miles from the start to four lengths. By that time Cambridge was pulling short. Chiswick Church, two miles and three-quarters from the start, the race developed into a procession, regarded as a certainty for Oxford. At Barnes Bridge, three and two-thirds miles from the start, Oxford was 45 seconds ahead, went on and won by 12 lengths.

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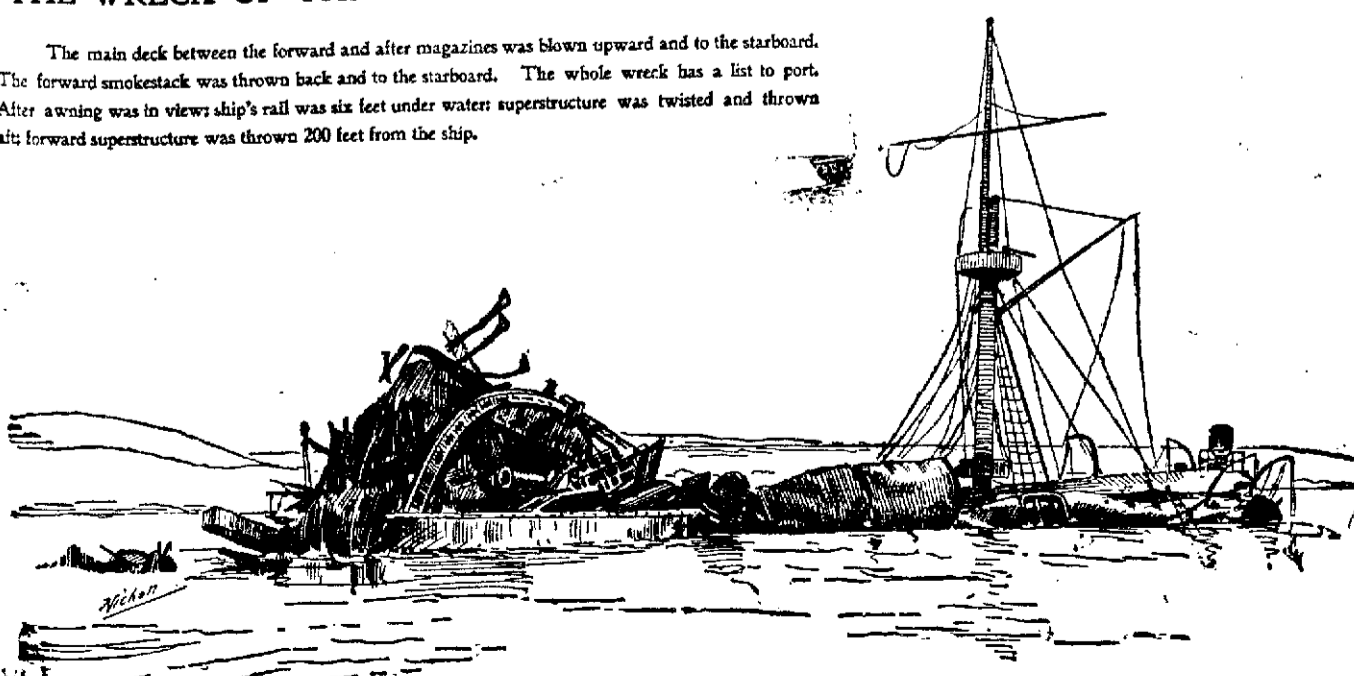
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## THE WRECK OF THE MAINE AS IT APPEARED JUST AFTER THE EXPLOSION.

The main deck between the forward and after magazines was blown upward and to the starboard. The forward smokestack was thrown back and to the starboard. The whole wreck has a list to port. After awning was in view ship's rail was six feet under water; superstructure was twisted and thrown aft; forward superstructure was thrown 200 feet from the ship.



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# "C 45."

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## SYNOPSIS.

Murphy, a convict in an English prison, is known officially as "C 45." He has a bad prison record, and intercourse with his keeper, Parr, seems to arouse all that is base in his nature. One day while Murphy is doing shot drill for having sworn at Parr, the latter's little daughter, a sickly child, strays into the prison yard. Faysie takes particular notice of Murphy, who she imagines is at some game of ball, and watches him delightedly until carried away. This incident awakens an old war of feelings in the prisoner's heart. He thinks constantly of the little girl, and begins to regard her father in a new light. His joy knows no bounds when he receives messages from Faysie through her father. One day she sends Murphy her love and he returns his. Parr now shows a few feelings for Murphy—something he has never done before. In fact, Parr becomes the go-between in this prison love affair, in spite of all possibly resulting injury to prison discipline. But, on the other hand, Murphy becomes more manageable all the time.

## PART III.

"I've brought you something," said Parr, mysteriously, one day, "which I oughtn't to. Me, breaking the rules! But there—the little un's so pretty—and so weak!"

"Pretty she is," replied Murphy, stoutly; "but not so weak as she looks."

"Don't you think so? They're always saying I shan't rear her."

"Rubbish!" said the mendacious Murphy. "Look at me! I was a weak baby!"

Parr eyed him with a dubious and uncomplimentary shake of the head. He might have been weak, but he could certainly never have been a pretty. Then the jailer produced from his pocket a flat parcel, and handed it mysteriously to the prisoner. "Can't let you keep it. Get us both into trouble. But I'll leave it with you till evening."

Murphy grabbed it anxiously with his great lean hand, and unwrapped it with clumsy tenderness. It was not in itself attractive, either as to manner or, under the circumstances, subject. It was, in fact, a picture of one front of the prison, seen from within, and was exactly like the drawing of any other average child of five. It had, however, one little peculiarity, of which all Faysie's art efforts partook. Across the impossible erection, with its square windows and scribbles of smoke above every chimney, was carefully, though erroneously, printed, "God is Love."

The two big men looked at it admiringly with their heads close together. Murphy's black stubble and Parr's well-oiled, impeccable Auburn locks, Parr, as parent, was politely deprecating; Murphy, the recipient, sat in open-mouthed delight and wonder.

"It's drawn pretty well for such a baby," the first said, feigning modesty. "It's drawn beautiful!" said Murphy, with severity. He traced the hard pencilled lines with his large, coarse fingers. "Why, there's door—and windows—as plain as plain! Any fool can tell what it's meant for."

Neither man at first commented on the text. Eventually, when other details had been exhausted, Parr said, awkwardly, with the air of one who feels it his duty to uphold Church and State, "She always puts them."

Murphy's eye followed his finger with some remains of bitterness, which also qualified the newborn softness of his voice as he remarked:

"Seems—blamed odd—to put it on a prison."

"Shut up," said Parr; "I reckon Faysie knows more about it than either of us two."

Now this was an epoch in the mental and spiritual development of Parr. For the first time he placed himself side by side with a prisoner. Murphy was immensely impressed, so much so, that all the revolt was taken out of him. He paused, then agreed very gently:

"I reckon she does. More than me, anyway." A long pause. "It's two, eh?"

I fear that Murphy was somewhat idle that afternoon, though he made up for it afterward. He spent much of his time in contemplating Art. Parr had sternly adjured him to wrap the drawing up in its original paper that it might not be soiled. On that paper he found another drawing, which filled him with superstitious dismay. The discovery was not made till just before Parr came to reclaim the treasure.

"See there!" said C 45. He was quite livid, and his hand shook. It was rather sobering. The likeness of a toppling and irregular monumental cross, with "Faysie Parr" printed upon it, a date, and "Of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Parr affected unconcern; it was no new trial to him. "She's always doin' that on the sly. Some meddling Holy Joe taught her, or maybe her granny she lived with till the old lady died."

Another drawing turned up subsequently, which Parr introduced to his



IT'S DRAWED BEAUTIFUL," SAID MURPHY.

notice with a grin, less sarcastic than it would have been two months before. This also depicted a monumental cross. At the top was Murphy's own name, and underneath it precisely the same legend as above quoted.

"One," said Murphy, viewing it darkly, while Parr observed him, with his head slightly on one side. "Would you oblige me with a bit of pencil, to do my sum for the schoolmaster, Mr. Parr?"

Murphy was laboriously acquiring the knowledge that two and two make four. He put the paper down on his stool, sucked the stump of pencil, and applied himself to making an alteration.

"Please not to show her that," he said, handing the design to Parr. "Though it ain't not to say cussing exactly, put in that way."

For the word "Heaven" the elementary Murphy had substituted one broadly descriptive letter which he pointed out with simple pride. It stood thus:—"L."

One day a strange warder appeared, out of the sequence of routine, in Murphy's corridor. Novelties here were almost always painful. Murphy, being a prisoner, was more or less nervous, and terrors of the unknown seized him. The world outside might be crumbling, for aught he knew, his small world. Aloud he said with gruff humility:

"Where's Mr. Parr, please?"

The warder viewed him suspiciously, but condescended to a laconic, "Child sick."

Then an earthquake indeed rocked Murphy's universe. He turned quite sick, and made a frantic and profane appeal under his breath. The warder struck in, unperturbed, with a sing-song formula:

"Now, 45, you'll get reported if you use foul language."

The rebuke fell senseless as a song on the wretched Murphy's ear.

"Oh, officers," he gasped, with pale lips. "Is she—very bad?"

"Spose so, or they wouldn't have put his work on me."

He slammed the door repressively on a futile, hoarse entreaty for details. The four narrow walls seemed to close in upon the prisoner and crush his heart. He cursed the warder, the system, the government; pulled himself up short in superstitious horror, rushed about his strait limits madly, then stopped and squeezed himself in a corner muttering:

"I'm—I'm nothing! No right to feel. They'd give me the lash for it, p'raps. O—O—God!"

Struggling for expression his dumb soul made all sorts of uncouth noises, as a dumb tongue does. Then in his desperation he vaguely imitated the attitude of a praying infant Samuel in a much-creased print Faysie had sent him. With hands piously clasped and upraised eyes, Murphy, the hardened rascal, knelt trembling, and made his first essay at prayer, starting from the Church service which he had sometimes mechanically mumbled.

"A mighty and most merciful Father stunnin'; and You know the sort of bringin' up I've had. But Parr is a decent chap all round, which You'll praps take into account; and near as fond of her as this old blackguard. But then he's got a wife as well, and I've got no one! Can I have me to burn up and welcome, only it don't seem seemin' to me as You're as fond of burnin' us as folks makes out, and besides—I'm no account to burn up or not. But

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mine at that girl, you remember—see O—O—God! O—God! O—God—don't You let little Faysie die!"

This at intervals through the mad-deningly long day, with occasional frantic efforts at snuck-making, and untasted meals pushed aside. The new warder looked in to inquire what he was "up to."

He answered, submissively: "Nothin'. Frettin' a bit, that's all. Prisoners will."

The officer retired dubiously, and with the shutting of the cell door at night, blank desperation closed on Murphy. In the morning, however, as he mechanically cleaned his cell, Parr himself appeared at the door.

Murphy uttered a sort of voiceless shout, and hope and fear contorted the dull wanness of his grotesque features. Parr was pale, red-eyed, disorganized. He had not come on duty; only apparently to choke wordlessly for Murphy's benefit, who questioned, fearing the question, "Worse—or—better?"

"All right." He read Murphy like a book for once. "Out o' danger, brother. The doctor says so."

On this Murphy flew at him, and the two big hands met for a second, and two speechless looks. Then Parr retired with a sort of husky giggle, and Murphy blubbered irresistibly, but in a suitable undertone. When the two met again, both were gruff and shame-faced exceedingly. No word of that brief and fevered interview, when both hearts were stripped bare by that blast of anguish, was ever said; yet it remained as the strongest link of this odd fellowship.

It was a sultry day of summer; a day to drift on a glassy mimic sky of silver-rippled river under green willow shadows; to lie, head on arms, under the flecked gold and emerald of cool woodland solitudes. In the prison, a grimy-handed van procession, their faces streaked with black dust and perspiration, sweated doggedly at coal-carrying, denied the free laborers' cherished privileges of grumbling, smoking, and looking on.

Another prisoner had lately shared Parr's attentions, viz., as it were, Murphy seconded; C 79, an intellectual rascal, whose native wits blossomed into a morbid ingenuity in annoying that stolid official without over much risk to himself. This, Murphy had never compassed. C 79, however, had done it once too often, and had been chastised by Parr's staff "in self-defense." Of this he complained with so much wit that, though publicly snubbed, he brought a private rebuke on Parr, who remembered the circumstance. Further retaliation ensued, and C 79's soul was bent on vengeance.

During the coal-carrying process, a superintending officer unconsciously dropped a pocket-knife. C 79 covered it with his foot, and managed, unseen, to snatch it up. It was hot, and the warders' attention to their charges a little languid. Thus it befell that, while Parr stood looking on, with a severe foregone conclusion of C 79's shirking, his limited horizon was very nearly widened into a tragic comprehension of all things by two which occurred simultaneously behind him.

In front, C 79 suddenly dropped his load, whipped round with a coolly glittering eye, and, his arm vengefully lifted, drove a small streak of light straight at Parr's broad chest. In rear, where the next gang of prisoners stood panting and mopping their brows, awaiting their turn, a pair of iron arms seized him, to drag him aside irresistibly and with such magic swiftness that, for a moment, he mistook his own identity. Being slow of comprehension, he could not ascertain whether he were Parr the warder, or Murphy the prisoner, so suddenly had one been substituted for the other.

There stood Parr unharmed, but unofficially staggering and smudged with coal dust; and there lay Murphy at his feet, just where Parr had stood, his coarse features wearing a sudden white dignity, and the knife, which should have been in Parr's breast, quivering in his side. There was a menacing tangle of men just for a moment. C 79, bitterly disappointed and apologizing hysterically to Murphy, was lusted off to a punishment cell amid a confused buzz of powerless units. Murphy was borne with much consideration to the infirmary, his deed being one which, besides his intrinsic heroism, was, for obvious reasons, admirable in the eyes of prison officials. For the latter cause, he was a little ashamed of it himself.

Lying quietly in bed, Murphy's livid, pain-lined features were all one large unquerable smile, and in his languid eye there was a new-born sweet mildness, while a feeble giggle of perfect satisfaction, as at an incomparable joke, rippled from his lips. Strange things, indeed, were happening to him in the way of praise and sympathy, but these were poor details beside the central magnificent fact: "C 45 saved her daddy for her; so he did!" which he whispered to himself again and again.

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"You know perfectly well that if I don't see any girls I can't fall in love with one," he explained. "I don't want to fall in love. Why should I be worried about it when I know I can't afford to marry? I keep away. That's my policy."

"You flee from temptation, then?" exclaimed one sister.

"You are determined to be immune?" said another.

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"How so?" inquired the prudent young man. "What's that about asafetida?"

"Why, the boy with the bag of asafetida has to keep away from everyone," replied his sister.

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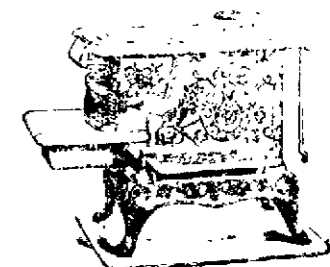
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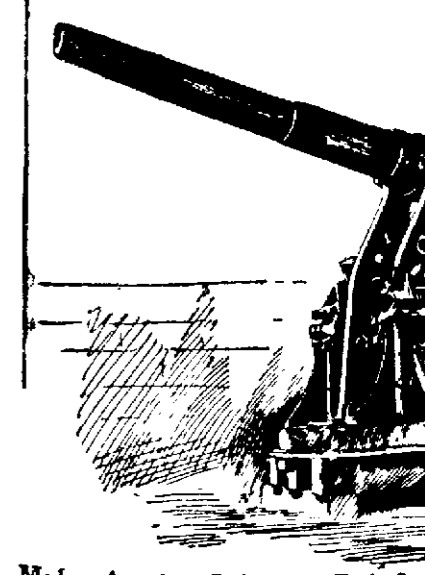
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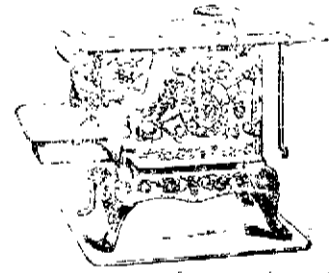
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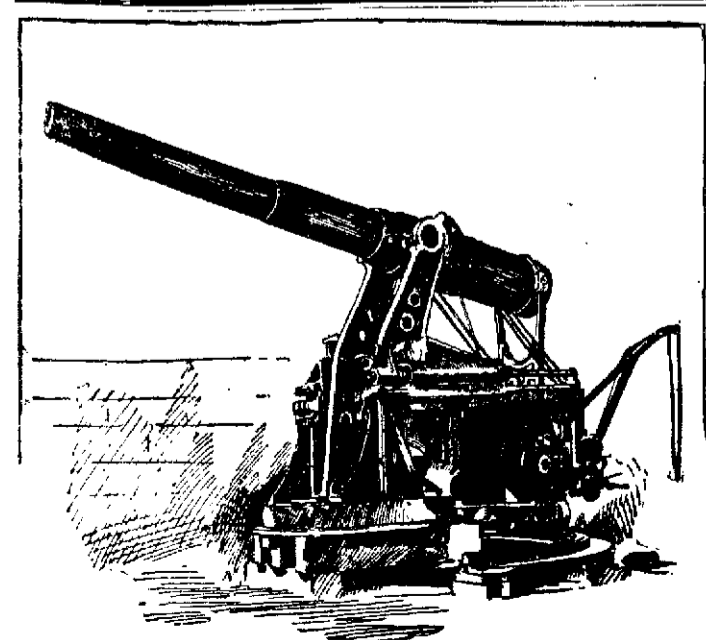
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## HIGH WATER NEWS

**Heaviest Fall of Rain in Many Years**  
—Four Inches in a Night.

## THE SANGAMON HIGHER THAN EVER

**Danger Scenes and Incidents at the River on Sunday and To-Day.**

**Water Works Partly Flooded and Fires Put Out--**  
**Railway and Wagon Bridges Seriously Dam-**  
**aged--Hundreds of Visitors at the**  
**River on Sunday.**

Interest in Cuban news and the murder trial gave way Sunday to a general desire to learn the extent of the damage brought about by the unprecedented heavy rains of Saturday night. It was a flood everywhere, some streets in the city looking like rivers as late as 10 a. m. Sunday. Cellars everywhere were partly filled with water, caused in many cases by the inability of the sewers to get promptly because of the back water. Low lots became lakes and there were repeated calls by telephone for the sewer inspector to get a move on himself. Bert Williams, street superintendent, had eight men out opening choked up inlets and aiding the people.

### FOUR INCHES OF RAIN.

Four inches of water fell Saturday night according to Professor Conrad's measure, which was the greatest fall the professor has seen since he has been keeping weather records. The rain fell steadily all Sunday morning and until 2 in the afternoon. A strong wind then came up which, for several hours blew the clouds away. The sky again became overcast at 5 o'clock and the wind which came from the southwest, still blew a gale, which moderated a good deal about 8 p. m.

Hundreds of people went down to see the river, some of them taking the car line to Riverside park and others going down the Central tracks to the water works. Many who never go down to the river in years were there Sunday.

### AT MAFFIT BRIDGE.

The river was higher than ever before Sunday and the force of the current swept everything movable before it. The stairs which go down to the Riverside boat house were floated by the back water and there was 15 inches of water in the boat house. The Mt. Zion road was under water beyond the bridge and the lake just below the bridge was washed down out of sight. It was one immense flood of water from the hill in Riverside park across to the Allen hills, and was only broken by the Maffit bridge. The water was a foot over any previous high water marks and had the Maffit bridge not been raised five feet last fall the water would have washed over the driveway. Tall trees in the river bottoms were covered by the flood and only the tops of the very tallest could be seen.

In spite of the strong wind, which made it very hard for women to be out, many of them went down to the river yesterday afternoon to see the river. The high water could be plainly seen from the end of the car line. Whitman's pasture was turned into an immense lake with muddy waves thrashed up high by the wind. Many ducks were flying and several hunters were out in search of game, along the banks and in boats. The river was full of drifting objects, corn stalks, trees and logs, brush—everything that had been replying in the bottoms for the last 10 years.

Frank Hull was down in the morning to look after the Riverside boat company's property. He fastened down the boat house as well as he could so that the high water would not carry it away.

### AT THE WATER WORKS.

The river came nearer to the city water works Sunday than it has ever been before. By afternoon the water at one place was within a few feet of the water works. The cellar of the plant was filled with water but this will not make much trouble as it can be easily pumped out and will run out itself when the river goes down. The boat house at the water works was flooded and was covered with water half way to the rock. On the west side of the Illinois Central bridge the flood extended south over all the bottom lands to where the high lands begin and on the north side of the river the water covered the new part of the cemetery grounds to the hill where the Potter's field is located. At all points along the river stream and tiles added volumes of water which helped to swell the main body.

### ROAD WAS CUT OFF.

The greatest expanse of water along the river was to be seen at the St. Louis bridge. At this point the water extended from the bottom of the hill on the north side of the wagon bridge, flooding the fields and bottom lands on each side of

the road and nearly covering the north approach to the bridge so that the road led out to the bridge with great lakes of water on each side. The water was within a few feet of the bottom of the wagon bridge and on the south side the road was entirely cut off. The road south of the bridge is lower and from the bottom of the hill on the south side the water flowed two feet deep over the road nearly to the bridge. At 6 o'clock last night the water was rapidly rising and creeping up over the road. Two men on horseback rode through the water from the bridge to the south side and one man walked across, but it was a dangerous act. While the water was not more than two feet deep over the road there is a deep embankment on each side and here the water was probably 10 or 15 feet deep. The high winds which followed the rain kept the water moving. Persons living on the south side of the bridge were compelled to cross at the county bridge in order to reach the city. The water did not begin to cut off the road until afternoon, but it did not take long to cover it up. As the water flowed with considerable force it is probable the road bed will be badly washed away. Hundreds of persons walked down to the St. Louis bridge yesterday afternoon to view the flood.

### HOUSES FLOODED.

The water was within four feet of the water works yesterday afternoon and many of the houses in Oklahoma were almost adrift, the tenants being compelled to spend Sunday at some neighbor's house who was higher up on the hill. The lower parts of the Central bridge were almost in the water and to look down the river one would never imagine that such a thing as a dam existed. The county bridge, which in former years has been tied in place with ropes, to trees which stood near it on either bank, now has no such protection to fall back on. One of the trees has been cut down, leaving open the north bank, and this bridge, the oldest one in the county, and the only one of its kind near this place, is very likely to be found missing one of these days. If the river rises a little more, the water is now so near the bridge that a man could scarcely slide under it in a boat.

### THE MAYOR WAS OUT.

Mayor Taylor was out all day yesterday driving around the city to see what damage was done. The crossings in the Seventh ward were covered with water but none of them were found to be washed away and there did not appear to be much damage done. The mayor found two families in the northeast part of the city who were forced to leave their houses on account of being flooded out. Mr. Taylor made visits to the water works to see if everything there was in good condition. He said that he found that the condition of affairs about the city was not as bad as might be supposed.

## WATER GOING DOWN.

Reached Highest Point at 5 a. m. To-Day—Water Works Saved.

The river stopped rising at 5 o'clock this morning and only just in time to save the water works serious trouble and cutting off the city's supply. About midnight the water came into the engine room at the water works and drowned out one of the boilers. The south boiler has an underground flue and the water filled this, putting out the fire. Fireman Shorb started up the other boiler and had to carry his coal across a trestle work to get to it, as the water in the engine room prevented him from shoveling the coal into the boiler from the floor as he usually does. The electric lights in the building were also cut off by the high water. The wires are under the floor of the water works and the current was cut off by the high water. Pipes were run from the light plant across the building to the engine room out of reach of the water and the electric wires put in there. All this made the work of the fireman doubly hard last night and he came home this morning at 7:30 tired out. The county bridge had to be tied in places last evening to prevent it from floating away, and men in the employ of the Illinois

Central railroad kept guard at the threatened bridge all night for fear that it would float down and carry the Central bridge with it. The county bridge being constructed of wood would float high in the water.

Phil Mueller got a boat load of ducks at Riverside. He went out in a boat and shot from cover, using a number of decoys to lure the game within range.

### RIVER GOING DOWN.

The river was going down at the water works this morning and will probably not rise any higher. The south approach at the county bridge this morning was entirely cut off. The water flowed over the road bed about two feet deep and it was impossible to get over the bridge. The Maffit bridge is in the same condition and in fact all of the wagon roads leading across the river are cut off. It is impossible to get from one side of the river to the other with a horse and vehicle. This morning the dairymen living south of the river carried their milk cans across the Illinois Central railroad bridge and loaded them in a wagon on this side. The county bridge is in a dangerous condition today and it is not probable that it will break away. If it does hold it will be considerably damaged on account of the strain caused by the water flowing against it. The water almost touched the bottom of the bridge last night under it this morning.

### BRIDGES CARRIED AWAY.

The wagon bridge over Steven's creek, on the Mt. Palaski road northwest of the city was carried away yesterday. The waters of the creek were swollen so that the neighboring fields were flooded and the bridge could not withstand the force of the water. Two iron bridges in Mt. Zion township near the Jones place are gone.

### FLOOD NOTES.

A young man who lives in Warrensburg tried to drive home yesterday afternoon. He first went out West Wood street and found the bridge over Steven's creek washed away. He then went over to the Main street bridge and found that gone also. The bridge on the Springfield road was so undermined that he dared not try to cross there and on going to the new bridge near Metlin's place, one-half mile west of the Bloomington road on the township line he found it so obstructed that he could not get near the bridge, a barb wire fence, posts and all, having been piled up on the road. The young man remained in the city and is still here waiting for the water to go down.

According to Professor Conrad's water meter four and one-half inches of water fell Saturday night, and during the month of March nine and three-tenths inches have fallen. This is the greatest fall of water Professor Conrad has ever known since he kept any record of it.

**RAILROADS HAVE TROUBLE.**  
Trains are Washed Away and Trains Running In and Out Were Delayed.

All of the railroads had trouble Sunday on account of washouts. It was impossible for any of the trains to enter the city from the south over the St. Louis branch of the Union Pacific on account of the dangerous condition of the St. Louis bridge south of the city. The embankment of the south approach of the bridge gave way in several places. There were several big landslides during the day when tons of earth off the embankment gave way and fell into the water. The approach washed out under the tracks for quite a distance so that the ties and rails had no support. Men were gathered at once and a train sent out. A force of 100 men were at work making repairs and the work will be completed today so that trains can pass over the bridge. In the places where the earth was washed away heavy ties were put under the tracks to support it temporarily until more dirt can be dumped and the structure permanently repaired. The Washburn sent their trains over the Illinois Central tracks by way of Pana.

There was a washout of a portion of the track of the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville road between Warrensburg and Latham, and the Illinois Central company had serious trouble with water damage to the road bed near Emery. The Chicago Sunday papers did not reach the city until 5:30 p. m.

### Broken Light Wire.

Two large insulated electric light wires belonging to the Culver company on the corner of Franklin and Washington streets, broke at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon during the wind storm. A woman driving a milk wagon was passing at the time and one of the wires just grazed her horse. The horse started down Franklin street at a 2:40 gait, but the woman succeeded in stopping him before any damage was done. The Culver company were notified of the broken wires by telephone and a number of the residents in that part of town kept watch to see that no one came in contact with them. The wires singed quite a good deal of the grass on the west side of the street, and from the marks they left on the pavement there must have been a deadly current in them.

An enthusiastic bicyclist, when he first decided to buy a wheel, sent away and bought a machine for which he paid \$50. This man had in one of his storerooms a tenant who sells bicycles. The tenant had a wheel down in his store which was exactly like the one the owner of the property bought, which he sold for \$35.

## HAS PASSED AWAY

**Account of Death of Father Peter J. Macken.**

**NEWS WAS A GREAT SHOCK**

**To Members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and to His Friends in Decatur—History of a Noble Life.**

Very Rev. Father Peter Joseph Macken, rector of St. Patrick's Catholic church, dean of the diocese of Alton, and a man beloved by all who knew him, passed away shortly after a o'clock on Saturday night. As it was not generally known that Father Macken's condition was so dangerous the announcement of his death was a great shock to his hosts of friends and the news brought sorrow to many persons.

The cause of death was rheumatism a disease with which Father Macken has been suffering at times for the past fifteen years. About seven weeks ago Father Macken's condition became worse and he was confined to his bed. It was thought, however, that he was greatly improved and at one time it was hoped that he was entirely out of danger but he suffered a relapse.

At the time of his death he was attended by his brother, Rev. M. T. Macken of St. Brandon's parish, Chicago, and Father Brady and Tepe, of this city. During his illness Father Macken has been quite cheerful and has taken an interest in all affairs. Last Thursday evening he realized that he was dying and he at once gave up any thought of worldly affairs and passed his time in devotion. At his own request Father Macken was on Friday anointed by his brother and received the Holy Communion and again on Saturday about an hour before his death he took his last communion. Father Macken was conscious until the last and his death was a peaceful and easy one. His death was accompanied by all of the consoling ministrations which the Catholic church can give and he received these from his brother priests, as he had so many times administered to others whom he attended when they were on their death bed.

Peter Joseph Macken was born 51 years ago in Newtown, Hamilton, County Armagh, Ireland. He leaves three brothers, Father M. T. Macken and Patrick Macken of Chicago, and John Macken of Ireland. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Carner, both in Ireland. There are two cousins in this state who are priests, Father John Macken of Elgin and Father Thomas Macken of Rock Island. The latter priest was Father Macken's teacher in college.

When about 14 years old Father Macken began to study for the priesthood at All Hallows college, Dublin. During his college he distinguished himself in all his work. He studied at the head of all his classes and carried off many of the first prizes. While there he was appointed librarian and prefect of studies. He was 23 when he was ordained, June 25, 1870. There were 50 in his class.

He was offered a professorship in Melbourne, but chose rather to come to America. He came here October 31, 1870. His first work was assistant to Father Walsh. After being here a short time he went to Carrollton as pastor, remaining there two years. He then went to Jacksonville, where he was pastor six years. He came to Decatur as pastor October 31, 1878, succeeding Father Hickory, and has been here ever since. On several occasions high honors were offered him, but he declined them all. He was dean of the diocese of Alton and an irremovable rector.

Father Macken lived a beautiful and model life and his personality was in itself an inspiration to those with whom he came in contact. Having had the advantage of the complete education of a priest and being one of the best informed men in the community, he has been a great help to the members of his congregation. Father Macken was a broad-minded man and he was able to give excellent advice to the many who sought it from him. He not only was a brilliant student on all intellectual subjects but he

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We have been busy for a  
month unpacking and ar-  
ranging. Now we are ready  
to show you all that is new  
in the way of Suits, Hats,  
Shirts. Styles and prices will interest you  
if you don't want to buy.

## BOYS' Hats...

**\$3.50 for the Best**

We have the swiftest New Hats in town.  
The most particular and most stylish  
dresses say so and buy them. In our  
Longley and Equiter Hats we are of-  
fering a \$5.00 hat for \$3.50 and \$3.  
These are our top prices, but the hats  
are worth \$5.00. They equal in style,  
finish, fit and wearing qualities any  
hat made.

## Fresh Neckwear

In an immense assortment is now in our  
show cases. Prices are no higher. Some  
things are lower. Everything that is  
new and swell will be shown by us.

Wide Apron Tecks, Long Narrow,  
Tecks, that can hardly be distinguished  
from tied ties, are offered in all the new  
shades. There are exquisite blondings.  
These are 50 cents.

Club Ties, with bands  
and bows, in the new  
colors; neat, elegant effects are offered at

**100 Dozen 25c.**

**\$2.40 up**

**\$1.50 up**

**\$2.00 up**

**NE CLOTHING CO.,**

Years Decatur's Reliable Clothiers.

ater St., Next to Bradley Bros.

**CIAL.**

THE CHANCE. Everything goes at rates that will bring

now we are bearing down heavy on the prices of

**S. RIBBONS, EMBROIDERIES,**

**HOSIERY, NOTIONS,**

WARES. We are almost giving the goods away. We  
peddly as possible. We are getting ready and will have an  
of Easter Millinery on sale Tuesday, March 29. Miss Anna  
making an effort to out do all former Easter Sales. No formal

**ts and Bonnets**

ES AND CHILDREN put on sale at once, and we  
some lines of the new and beautiful in up-to-date  
in Central Illinois and at much lower prices than

**S. G. HATCH & BRO.**

J. W. RACE, Assignee.

151 East Main Street.

**POWERS' GRAND OPERA HOUSE**

J. F. GIVEN, Manager.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1.**

THE GREAT NEW YORK SUCCESS.

4 MONTHS of Crowded Houses and De-

lightful Audiences.

The Best Drama since "Blue Jeans"

And by the same Author,

**The Cherry Pickers**

By Joseph Arthur. Author of "Blue Jeans," &c.

"BLUE JEANS WAS GOOD. THE CHERRY PICKER BETTER."—New York Press.

SEE the Great Thrilling and

REALISTIC GUN SCENE

Down the House Every Evening.—New York

sun.

A SUPERB PRODUCTION.

ACT 1.—Gardens of the British Residence at

Kawul. Plunder. "The Cherry Pickers." A Re-

union in honor of the Victory.

ACT 2.—Two months later. Interior of Mrs.

O'Donnell-Dulepp's Bungalow, suburb of Rawul

Hudee.

ACT 3.—Two months later.

Scene 1.—Col. Brough's quarters in the prison

fortress at Candahar.

Scene 2.—Gun room in the fort.

ACT 4.—Interior of the Post Dak at Peshawur.

24 hours later.

**THE GREAT NEW YORK CAST**

The entire production under the direction of

MR. AUGUSTUS PITOU.

—PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.—

Tickets on sale at the Opera House Drug Store

Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock sharp.

Little Temple, No.

at 7:30. Fall

Miss Emma Wel-

ora Dillebunt.

Wednesday morn-

1898 Parasols.  
show-  
Parasols,  
the best  
from  
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factures  
and  
export  
Paris and  
London.  
Each  
Canopy  
and  
Canebor-  
prices unprecedented for this sea-  
son of the year.

## Hosiery and Underwear.

Several special items which are repre-  
sentative of the values to be found in  
the Big Store's Underwear section.

White Seamless Cotton Vests at 20,  
25 and 30c.

White "Merode" Vests, light weight  
garments with long sleeves—a special  
feature at

**25c.**

Black Fast Black Stockings—seam-  
less, narrow ankles—the best 15 cent  
stockings that we have ever had—offer-  
ing at

**10c. pr.**

## New Spring Silks

Decatur's most interesting collection of stylish silk  
fabrics is undoubtedly at the Big Store. We are care-  
ful to select textures, weaves and color combinations  
in accordance with the latest dictates of fashion and  
we are certain that the prices are as low and in many  
cases lower than you can obtain the same goods for else-  
where.

Fancy Silks in Beautiful Plain and Pompadour Stripes,  
and small checks and correct ideas in Plaids—  
workings in color blending at several small prices be-  
tween \$1.25 and

**79c yd.**

Black Brocade Satins—five pretty patterns—just re-  
ceived. Makes a beautiful skirt or entire dress. Al-  
though such goods always retail at \$1 a yard, this  
entire lot is offered at

**75c yd.**

Black and Chargeable Taffetas in a great variety of new  
patterns, including many scarce shades not to be  
found elsewhere—at from \$1.00 to

**59c yd.**

Black Beau de Soie, a soft, rich fabric with Satin finish  
for waists and whole dresses—at \$1.25 and

**\$1.00 yd.**

Black French Poplin—a rich lustrous silk goods, 21  
inches wide—for entire costumes—at \$1.25 and

**\$1.00 yd.**

**Pretty Wash Goods**

Materials for summer dresses and shirt waists at spe-  
cial prices this week, right at the beginning of the season,  
and before the crowd the south aisle.

Printed Lawns—many beautiful patterns in stripes,  
plaid and check effects. 32 inches wide—advertised  
at a bargain elsewhere at 10c yd., offered here at—

**7 1-2c yd.**

Figured Organdies—exquisite color combinations—32  
inches wide—sells everywhere at 15c yard, on sale  
here at

**10c yd.**

French Damies—in a score of pretty designs—a high class  
summer dress fabric—exclusive at the Big Store—at

**25c yd.**

**Corsets...**

We carry in stock regularly  
five of the foremost brands  
of American Corsets. The  
size line is always complete  
and every essential of corset  
goodness has representation.  
We highly recommend

"The American Lady,"  
"The Kabo," "The Flex-  
ibond," "The R. & G." and the "W.  
B." for stylish women.

**Curtains and Upholsteries...**

We ought to have two customers for  
every pair of these curtains, for the lot  
is limited and the pricing is the real  
bargain sort.

Nottingham Lace Curtains, 61 inches  
wide and 13 1/2 yards long, the regular  
\$2.00 kind, for

**\$1.39 pair**

Nottingham Lace Curtains, 50 inches  
wide and 3 yards long—the \$1.25  
variety for

**79c pair**

Heavy Tambour Muslin Curtains—beau-  
tifully embroidered—really sold at  
\$2.00, but offered as a typical bargain at

**\$1.69 pair**

Reddish Muslin Curtains—with colored  
border—something entirely new.  
Pricing begins at—

**\$2.25 pair**

50 yards of 7c Scrim—at

**31c yard**

Fancy and Embroidered Muslin for up-  
holstering as low as

**10c yard**

Window Shades—37 inches wide and 7  
feet long, best fast color cloth, on  
good spring roller, always sold at 50c.  
While they last—

**33c each**

Good Felt Window Shades—37 inches  
wide and 7 feet long, on spring roller,  
worth 10c, at—

**8c each**

**New Wrappers...**

19 Women's well  
made Percale  
Wrappers—in a  
variety of desirable  
patterns that  
would ordinarily  
sell at 50c are offer-  
ed at—

**49c**

# INN AND SCRUGGS

## DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

## TWO THINGS MAKE A BARGAIN.

Webster defines a bargain as "A Gainful Transaction," but if the great lexicographer was living to-  
day and would read the announcements of the Decatur Dry Goods Stores he would conclude that he  
did not know whereof he spoke. It seems that these shops consider "price" the only noteworthy ele-  
ment of a bargain. As a matter of fact "price" is high or low only as it may be above or below the  
value of an article to which it is applied. One piece of goods might be very expensive at 8c a yard and  
another piece unusually cheap at \$1.00 a yard, So we see that the matter of "quality" may safely  
divide honors with price in the making of bargains. If you pay the proper attention to "quality" you  
will find that our prices are absolutely the lowest in Decatur. You will be a regular patron of The  
Big Store if you always remember that "quality" and "price" are the

## "Two Things That Make A Bargain."

## SUIT AND WRAP SUPREMACY.

The very quintessence of Fashion's richest fancies—the daintiest conceptions of tailored  
prettiness—a great collection of Outer Garment elegance—emphasizing the supremacy of The  
Big Store's Cloak Room over all similar departments in Decatur.



Brocade Silk Capes—  
beautiful patterns—full  
silk lined—Empire back  
—Chiffon and Lace Col-  
lars at—

**\$4.98.**

Velvet Capes—Jet and  
Braid trimmed—full  
lined—new liberty Col-  
lar at—

**\$1.98**

Covert Suits in a medium color of Tan, Jacket, Fly front and full Satin  
lined—Skirt lined with striped Percale and bound with velveteen. A  
regular \$10.00 suit offered at—

**\$7.49**

We carry a magnificent assortment of High Grade Suit Novelties, made  
of the most stylish foreign and domestic cloths—no two alike. From  
\$20.00 to—

**\$35.00**

Figured Mohair Dress Skirts—many pretty  
patterns—lined with Percale and bound  
with velveteen—extra full width—Tall  
made and perfect fit. A \$3.00 skirt for—

**\$1.98**

English Covert Jackets—lined throughout (in-  
cluding sleeves) with plain and fancy Taffeta  
silk—fly front—coat back—lap seams—a  
regular \$12.50 garment for—

**\$10.00**

Cheviot Serge Street Suits—double  
stitched seams and Tailor Finished  
—Fly Front Reefer Jacket—Skirt  
and Jacket lined with Taffeta Silk,  
Black Navy, New Blue or Oxford.  
Bought to sell at \$15.00. To open  
the season, offered at—

**\$10.00**



The "Lucky" Bicycle Skirts and Suits—for which we have the  
exclusive agency in this city—have been recognized by the  
majority of women riders as by far the best, most com-  
fortable and elegant Bicycle costume ever designed. We  
carry a complete line of "Lucky" Skirts and Suits in a great  
variety of fashionable materials.

Skirts from \$3.95 to \$10.00. Suits from \$7.49 to \$20.

## Correct Millinery.

Most all of  
feminine De-  
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our Millin-  
ery Parlors  
last week  
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leastwise it  
seemed that  
way, but if  
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are invited  
this week—  
The birds  
and flowers  
will be missing  
but the Hats  
and Bonnets  
are a show in  
themselves.  
Correct fashions  
are reliably por-  
trayed here  
as nowhere else  
in town.

## Women's Waists.

Our collection of Silk and Wash  
Waists is unequalled—special prices for  
this week.

Women's Shirt Waists of French Ging-  
ham and several other popular wash  
materials—many stripes, check and  
plaid patterns—tucked and bias front  
—yoke back—really good value at  
\$1.25. Our leader for this season at  
the low price of

**95c.**

Women's Black and White Check Silk  
Waists—stock collar—new sleeve and  
cut—a \$5.00 waist for

**\$3.95.**

Women's \$10.00 Silk Waists—check and  
stripe patterns—tucked front—plaited  
yoke back. Choice of lot at

**\$7.00.**

## Wool Dress Goods

Such a vast collection of choice Wool Dress Materials  
were never assembled in a Decatur store. We are  
showing most every popular fabric in an endless as-  
sortment of choice colorings and to bring a throng of Dress  
Goods buyers, we have made radical price reductions.  
It's impossible to tell you of all the good things, but we  
append a few hints of the money saving in store for this  
week's shoppers in this section.

Fancy Mixtures in checks, small plaids and medium  
effects—really good value at their regular price of 39c.  
For this week—

**25c yd.**

All Wool Fancy checks and mixtures, including the  
popular black and white checks—sells regularly at  
55c yd., but offered this week at

**42c yd.**

Bayadere Cloth—entirely new and novel in its appear-  
ance. A stylish fabric for separate skirts. Comes in  
a variety of combinations. Advertised elsewhere as  
"worth \$1.25 for 10c yd." Here it is

**59c yd.**

Bicycle Suiting—a twilled mixture, very strong and dust  
proof—52 inches wide. Good value at \$1.00 yd., but  
offered at

**60c yd.**

Silk and Wool Novelty Mixtures—large variety of  
weaves, worth \$1.25—at

**\$1.00 yd**

**Black Dress Goods.**

An enormous stock of the very latest fabric ideas in  
Whip Cords, Solid and Braided effects at from \$1.50 to

**50c yd.**

**Fancy Ribbon 19c yd.**

Two Hundred pieces of Fancy Ribbons in Tartan Plaids,  
Roman and Bayadere Stripes, Checks, Silhouettes,  
etc., for Scarfs, Sashes and Trimmings—worth in a  
regular way upward to 45c yd. All at one low figure—

**19c yd.**

## Wall Paper.

Twice as large a  
stock as any other  
store and prices  
much the lowest in  
town ought to be  
incentives for you  
to do your Wall  
Paper buying at  
The Big Store.  
Good White  
Blank Paper as  
low as—

**3c roll.**

Immense assortment of the ever popu-  
lar Glimmer papers at—

**7c roll.**

Varnish Gold Papers, including the new-  
est patterns in Delft Blue, Olive,  
Bronze and Amazon Green, Tuscan  
and Egyptian Red, and several pretty  
Browns. Pricing begins at—

**12 1-2c roll.**

Washable Varnish Tile Papers—made  
on Imported Rag Stock—all 22-inch  
goods at—

**25c roll.**

**VERY SPECIAL.** We can sell you  
paper for a good sized room—wall,  
ceiling and border, complete—for

**75c.**

A beautiful line of nicely colored Room  
Moulding together with Imitation  
Oak and Georgia Pine, some as cheap  
as—

**2c foot.**

We have a large corps of efficient paper  
hangers and can do your work on short  
notice at particularly reasonable rates

**Carpets and Rugs...**

We have the lion's  
share of the carpet  
trade of Central  
Illinois. We don't  
think that we've  
ever been able to  
show our host of  
patrons quite such  
an elegant assortment as we have  
brought together this Spring.

Cotton Chain Ingrain Carpets, equal in  
wearing qualities to an all wool In-  
grain that sells at 65c yd., at—

**50c yard**

A good collection of Tapestry Carpets—  
that sold at 15c yd., at—

**58c yard**

Smyrna Rugs—36x72 inches—worth in a  
regular way \$2.25, at—

**\$1.49**

Smyrna Door Rugs—at—

**29c**

China and Japan Mattings—from 60c  
to—

**12 1/2c yard**

## OPENING A HOUSE FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

Tomorrow (Monday) morning at 8 o'clock we will open a Department of House Furnishing Goods in our Big Base-  
ment Sales Room. This Department will practically be a store in itself and we intend to make it differently better than  
any House Furnishing Store that Decatur folks have ever known.

Two points we wish to impress upon you—First, that the Stock of goods carried will be incomparably larger and  
more comprehensive than any Decatur store has ever shown, and Second, that the prices will positively be from 25 to 50  
per cent. lower than those to which you are accustomed.

Everything is New, Clean, Fresh and Bright, and we want you to carefully read this bargain catalogue for Monday's  
selling.

**The Big Store's Basement is the One Place in all Decatur where  
Discriminating Women may Safely Practice Household Economy.**

No. 8 Extra Heavy Tin Wash Boiler <b>35c</b>	No. 8 Heavy Tin Wash Boil- ers—copper bottom and rim <b>55c</b>	60-foot Jute Clothes Lines <b>5c</b>	10-Dozen Hard Wood Clothes Pins <b>5c</b>	Folding Curtain Stretchers— adjustable for any size Curtain <b>79c</b>	Rice Hot Scrub Brushes <b>3c</b>	Palmetto Scrub Brushes <b>12c</b>	Perforated Toilet Paper— large roll <b>3c</b>	Galvanized Iron Wall Soap Dish —with drain <b>4c</b>	Hand Wood Knife and Fork Tress nicely varnished <b>8c</b>	Shoe Brush and Duster <b>9c</b>	Store Brush—black wood handle <b>9c</b>	Rising Sun Store Polish— per cake <b>4c</b>	10-Dozen English Decorated Din- ner Set—blue brown or white colors <b>\$5.98</b>
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for 25 cents. Insist on having it.

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**Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.**  
Jan 24-d&wt

Mar 22

## Clothing Mfg. Co.



## WILLIAM TELL

had to reach that apple on his boy's head. How did he go about it? His eye was keen, his arm was strong, he was careful in choosing his weapons. Every Hunter aims to reach the heads of the men in his city. Our hats are our weapons.

## TSON HATS

Depended on—they always give satisfaction. The agents—SPRING STYLE now on sale.

## Order—Correctly Tailored.

See our elegant line of—

## SPRING OVERCOATS.

CKWEAR--the newest patterns.

DENTS & PERRIN'S DRESS GLOVES.

CALL AND SEE

THING MFG. CO., 135 North Water St.

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# GET A FREE SAMPLE OF MORROW'S KID-NE-IDS

## AND GET WELL!

### They Are a Guaranteed Cure for All Kidney Troubles

The manufacturer of Kid-ne-oids has such absolute faith in the efficacy of this wonderful remedy that he has arranged to give to every sufferer from Kidney trouble a sample of Kid-ne-oids

## Absolutely Free of Charge.

### YOU HAVE KIDNEY TROUBLE

If you suffer from pain in the side.

If your bones ache.

If your vision is impaired.

If you have loss of appetite.

If your hands or feet swell.

If you have pains in the back.

Get a Sample of

Morrow's Kid-ne-oids

..5,000..

ONLY ONE

SAMPLE

AND GET WELL.

SAMPLES.

To Each Applicant.

Will be Given Away to All Who Will Call Between 9 A. M. and 9 P. M.,

Wednesday, March 30,

At Armstrong Bros.,

Syndicate Block Drug Store,  
262 NORTH MAIN ST.

Because of Ointments for Catarrh That

completely destroy the sense

of touch when entering it through

the mucous surfaces. Such articles

are never used except on proscript

to the most reliable physicians, as the

danger of doing so is tenfold to the

patient. It is possible to derive from them

the greatest benefit. The ointment

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### LAST Combination Sale

OF THE SEASON.

We will hold another Combination Sale at the

SMALLWOOD BARN, DECATUR, ILL.,

MARCH 28th, 1898.

We do extensive advertising and will have the

best of buyers in attendance

We solicit entries of

HORSES, COWS, HOGS,

WAGONS AND VEHICLES

OF ALL KINDS.

Write or call for entry blanks

ED. W. HILL & CO.,

134 E. Prairie St., Decatur, Ill.

11-28-98

### SPECIAL TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons inter-

ested that the City Council of the City of Deca-

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shall pay the cost of said improvements

according to the ordinance of the City of Deca-

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### Administrator's Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE County Court of the January Term A. D.

1898.

Joseph M. Cloney, Administrator of the estate of

Mary F. Gordon deceased, vs. The People of

the State of Illinois.

Notice is hereby given that the said Mary F. Gordon

deceased, was a resident of the County of Macou,

Illinois, at the time of her death, and that the

said Mary F. Gordon was a widow, and that the

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# MONEY TO LOAN

IN SUMS OF \$500 TO \$3,000,

SECURED BY MORTGAGE, ON

FAVORABLE TERMS.

PEDDECORD, BURROWS & CO.

People's Column.

Advertisements of forty words or less may

be inserted in this column at the rate of 15

cents per week, payable in advance.

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED—You to give us your orders for

carpets to clean and feathers to renovate

Work done for and delivered at the lowest

possible price. Place of business 120 Wabash

ave. telephone 67. HAYES & SETHON

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years

experience in paper hanging, I am prepared to

give prompt attention to all orders from the city

Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed.

New Telephone No. 2. M. SMITH, West and

Pugh street car line. Feb 19-19

GENTS WANTED—For the sale of the

newest and most reliable of the city

Washington. Addressed to the City of

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### LOCAL NEWS.

**Davis' 15c delivery Cab, 25c.**  
Republican ward primaries tomorrow night

Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Heddick & Keesink—15c  
Smoke the Little J, 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kook.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

The oldest daughter of Rev. Marion Stevenson has the measles

Smoke the Little J, a cent cigar guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor

Miss Byron Benton died Saturday morning at her home near Emery

Born, to James Collins 365 East Marietta street, a son

Born to P. P. Laughlin 876 West Marion street, a son

Miss Mary Moore is visiting with her sister in Philo for a few days

W. Hopkie the sugar beet man was in the city Sunday

Executive committee of the First Presbyterian church meet tonight to select committees for the Endeavor society

The township election will be held on Tuesday April 1, one week from tomorrow

You should see those handsome pianos at the C. B. Prescott music house. The Reed & Son's and Holmes instruments are the leaders

Do you want plastering done? If so telephone 523, new phone. Decatur Plaster Co. Perry & Oren—6 dtf

Miss Ida Voorhies gave a house party to a few friends yesterday, and entertained them at her home on West William street all day. The party were: Miss Lena Ulrich, Miss Bessie Young, Miss Neta Fletcher and Miss Ida Voorhies

Squire Peake who knows the river in all its changes and has for 50 years says that it was higher than ever before. Mr. Peake has a mark down by the water works which was formerly the high water mark. But it was covered yesterday and the future says this is the worst yet

Rev. Mattie Stevenson of the Edward street Christian church left this morning for Bloomington where he will attend a meeting of the State Sunday School Board which meets tomorrow to make arrangements for the state Sunday school convention to be held on May 17-18 and 19

Harry Metz will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for alderman in the Fourth ward. Mr. Metz has served the city in the council in many capacities and his many friends in the Fourth ward want him back again to represent that section of Decatur and the city generally

D. A. M. Drew attempted to go out west of the city yesterday to see a patient living the other side of Steven's creek. When he arrived at the bridge near the Haworth farm he found it was washed away and the road for a hundred yards this side of the bridge was under water. The doctor had to give it up and come home

At 6:30 Saturday evening Miss Louise Gasman gave a dinner party in honor of her friend, Miss White from Champlain. The dinner was served in four courses. These present were Misses Fanny and Mable Gale, Fanny Gale, Miss Hubbard and Miss White, Messrs. Frank Hamacher, Sherry Ehrman, Will Westerman, Lou Conradt and Frank Baldwin

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